

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.)

- AGAINST -)

ARAKI, SADAO, et al)

A F F I D A V I T

I, FUJITA, Isamu make oath and say as follows:

I am a journalist and have been president of several newspapers from time to time.

In 1930 I became acquainted with Lieutenant Colonel SHIGETO, Chiaki, who was a nephew to my brother-in-law. From this date I knew him intimately until he died a Major General in 1940.

In August 1931 the aforesaid Colonel SHIGETO and Colonel HASHIMOTO, Kingoro came to my house and had dinner. During this visit the aforesaid Colonel SHIGETO and aforesaid Colonel HASHIMOTO talked to me about the emergency situation in Manchur and the danger to Japanese rights and Japanese nationals in that country. The aforesaid Colonel SHIGETO and the aforesaid Colonel HASHIMOTO made the statement that positive action should be taken in Manchuria.

Ten or fifteen days after this meeting the aforesaid Colonel SHIGETO brought forty thousand yen to me at my home and asked me to sign a receipt therefor and to hold this money for him until he needed it. I signed the receipt to a fictitious person and agreed without asking any questions. Three or four days later the aforesaid Colonel SHIGETO returned and got twenty thousand yen and said, "I have made it known that I got this money from you so you agree with this." In something like five days the aforesaid Colonel SHIGETO returned and got all the rest of the money I was keeping for him but two or three thousand yen.

On September 19, 1931 I read in the newspaper of the blowing up of the railroad track in Manchuria and the outbreak of hostilities there between the Kwantung Army and Chinese troops. I immediately rushed over to the aforesaid Colonel SHIGETO's house and said to him, "You have accomplished what you were contemplating and suggesting in Manchuria." To which the aforesaid Colonel SHIGETO replied "Yes," and nodded and smiled. I then asked him how he was going to terminate this incident. Colonel SHIGETO said, "We will expel Chang Hsueh Liang, the son of the late Chang Tso Lin, from Manchuria and bring CHU, Chen to Manchuria and install him as Governor of the three Far Eastern Provinces." I then stated "There may not be any international complications in that case." Colonel SHIGETO then said, "I have this in mind." I then asked him, "If things do not go through as you expect, what are you going to do?" To which Colonel SHIGETO replied, "I am in a post at the General Staff which makes me practically responsible for all affairs in China so in case of failure I will commit Hara Kiri. On this same day, September 19, 1931, or the following

day I saw the aforesaid Colonel HASHIMOTO, Kingoro and said to him, "I see you accomplished what you said should be done in Manchuria." He replied, "Yes, things came to the pass where they should come." He then bowed and said, "I am busy and will see you again." He then left.

/s/ I. Fujita
FUJITA, Isamu

Sworn and subscribed to before the undersigned officer by the above-named FUJITA, Isamu, at the War Ministry Building, Tokyo, Japan, this 13th day of June, 1946.

/s/ Lindsay Williamson
Lindsay Williamson, Capt., JAGD.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Pfc. Jerry L. Sumiyoshi, HEREBY CERTIFY That I am fully conversant with the Japanese and English languages, and that I, this day, read the foregoing Affidavit to the above-named FUJITA, Isamu in Japanese, and in so doing, truly and correctly translated the contents thereof from English into Japanese; and that said FUJITA, Isamu stated to me that the contents of said Affidavit were the truth, and that he was willing to sign said Affidavit under oath; and that said FUJITA, Isamu was duly sworn in my presence and signed said Affidavit under oath in my presence; and that all proceedings incidental to the administration of said oath and the signing of said Affidavit were truly and correctly translated from Japanese into English and English into Japanese and fully understood and comprehended by said Affiant.

Dated this 13th day of June, 1946, at Tokyo, Japan.

/s/ Pfc. Jerry L. Sumiyoshi
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